Dear Friends,

One of the most enjoyable things about being the chairman of Northeast Health Foundation is the opportunity to thank all of you who have supported our many efforts. This issue recognizes major gifts received since our last issue. A complete donors report will be included in the 2003 summer issue.

It would be impossible for Northeast Health and our affiliates to provide comprehensive quality care without your help. Advances in technology continue to help us improve and enhance the care and safety of those we serve. Support for technology in the critical care unit at Albany Memorial and the Imaging Center at Samaritan Hospital are two very visible examples of what we can accomplish with your help. In addition, Gala 2003 proceeds are being used to increase physician access to electronic medical records and therefore, enhance patient safety. Your gifts are making a big impact and we appreciate your continued support.

Last year brought many changes at the foundation. In June, Jennifer D’Elia joined our family as the foundation’s new vice president; in October, Jennifer Bissell came on board as secretary, and then, in December, Sandra Dering joined us as director of events and stewardship. A new “foundation staff profile” in this issue highlights our new vice president and introduces you to all the foundation staff. (It’s always nice to be able to put a face with a name.) In future issues, we will spotlight different staff members. Each new member of the foundation team brings a wealth of experience, new ideas, talents and expertise. This has translated into new examples of what we can accomplish.

The Charles E. Bessey Family established an endowment to assist residents with limited resources. The Charles E. Bessey Family established an endowment to help critical care nurses at Samaritan Hospital pursue advanced educational opportunities while Albany Memorial Hospital School of Nursing is able to offer scholarships, thanks to annual distributions from the Fleischer Family Trust.

Other individuals recognized the importance of undesignated gifts which may be used where they are most needed. (Bequests, the remainder of a trust, and even a designation of a retirement account are all ways that you can invest in the future of Northeast Health or a specific affiliate.) Undesignated planned gifts have helped underwrite healthcare services for those who cannot pay and have no insurance, initiate new programs, and cover unexpected expenses, such as the replacement of critical equipment.

These are just a few examples of “planned gifts” that have enabled Northeast Health to create one of the most comprehensive and integrated not-for-profit healthcare networks in our region. As you consider investing for your future, we hope that you will also consider investing in the future of Northeast Health and its affiliates and programs.

Please be sure to use the legal names when designating gifts:

Northeast Health, Inc.
Albany Memorial Hospital
Samaritan Hospital of Troy, NY
LTC Eddy, Inc.

Please contact Jennifer H. D’Elia, vice president, Northeast Health Foundation, for a complete list of legal names of Northeast Health facilities and programs at (518) 274-0190 or delia@thehealth.com

With many thanks and warm wishes for a happy new year,

Richard P. Wallace, Esq.

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Invest in the Future with a Planned Gift

Every day we are bombarded with news about the stock market and advice on investment choices. Obviously, the investment choices we make tend to reflect our stage of life and our priorities. We carefully study interest rates, retirement plans, mutual funds, tax-free bonds and stock options. Priorities and investment objectives change as individual circumstances shift. Our planning includes not just today’s needs, but future needs as well.

The same is true for Northeast Health. We are faced with balancing immediate needs and projected plans. While we develop our vision for the future, we have to stay abreast of changing technology to insure we provide the highest quality healthcare to you and our community. We are very fortunate that you, our donors, are willing to share that vision and sense of mission for the greater good.

Planned gifts from visionary individuals received in prior years enabled us to create many of our important services. Without the generous gift of James A. Eddy, more than 19,500 people in 15 counties would not benefit from our nursing homes, retirement communities, rehabilitation hospital, or our Alzheimer’s services and home healthcare services. Marjorie Doyle Rockwell’s concern for those with Alzheimer’s was instrumental in the building of the regional residential and educational resource center that now bears her name. In addition, part of her bequest set up an endowment to assist residents with limited resources. The Charles E. Bessey Family established an endowment to help critical care nurses at Samaritan Hospital pursue advanced educational opportunities while Albany Memorial Hospital School of Nursing is able to offer scholarships, thanks to annual distributions from the Fleischer Family Trust.

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Albany Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Presents Check

The Albany Memorial Hospital Auxiliary recently presented a check for $29,000 toward its pledge of $100,000 for the hospital’s Nuclear Gamma Camera. L to r: Albany Memorial Hospital auxiliaries Marie Cookean, auxiliary executive secretary and Kathy Mosca, auxiliary president.
Tribute Gifts Fulfill Many Needs

We can all recall someone who enriched our life or inspired us in some way. Regardless of whether it was a family member, a treasured friend, or a favorite teacher, chances are that person’s influence still lives on today. Most of us also recall a special nurse, doctor or caregiver who not only helped heal the body but also the spirit. Unfortunately, often we don’t realize the impact of these special people until many years later. However, it’s never too late to acknowledge how special they are through a tribute gift in memory or in honor of them.

Recognizing the impact someone has had on your life or community through charitable gifts is an especially meaningful gesture that not only honors that person but also helps fulfill a personal need to give something back. Tribute and memorial gifts to Northeast Health have helped numerous areas, like the heart and cancer programs, or provided something special like a stained glass window. Gifts may be designated to one of Northeast Health’s affiliates (Albany Memorial Hospital, Samaritan Hospital, The Eddy) or to a special area, such as the Family Birth Center at Samaritan, The Eddy’s Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center, or Albany Memorial’s Critical Care Unit.

Every “occasion” can be turned into a special event by giving at times, such as Mother’s Day or Father’s Day; at the birth of a child or grandchild; on a birthday, wedding or anniversary. Whether given as a tribute to someone or in recognition of celebration or some occasion, these gifts become even more special because they benefit the entire community.

There are numerous ways to make your tribute gifts. Gifts by check are often the most convenient. Gifts can also be funded with tribute gifts. Gifts by check are often the most convenient. Gifts can also be funded with stocks, bonds and even mutual funds. A growing number of people choose this option because it has an added benefit of saving on capital gains tax. Other people choose to include a memorial gift in their estate and financial plans. Northeast Health Foundation will be happy to assist you should you have questions about tribute gifts and special designations.

Meet Joseph A. Gomez

Northeast Health Foundation is pleased to welcome Joseph A. Gomez to its board of directors. Joe is currently president and owner of Gomez Electrical Contractors Inc. which he started in 1979.

He is involved with numerous civic organizations and presently serves as a board member for Hispanic Outreach Services for the Catholic Diocese of Albany, the Catholic Charities Advisory Council, the Capital District Regional Economic Development Council, and is a member of The Capital District Regional Economic Diocese of Albany, the Catholic Charities Advisory Council, and presently serves as a board member for the Junior Museum in Troy.

Welcome Aboard!

Northeast Health Foundation is pleased to welcome three new members to its family: Sandra Doring joins us as donor relations and events director. Previously, she was the annual fund director for Audubon New York and prior to that was director of development for the Junior Museum in Troy.

Tricia Lipinski, database specialist, graduated from Russell Sage College in 2001. Prior to coming to the foundation, she was with Trusco Bank. Tricia is an avid skier and a huge NY Yankees fan! Prior to joining the foundation as secretary II, Jennifer Bissell was with IKON and spent a number of years in the hotel business.

2002 Tribute Gifts

For the birthday of
Mrs. Ellen Abbruzzese
Mr. Lester Kommet

In honor of
Mr. John Arialella-Serra
Dr. Gary Bakiet
Mr. John D. Bennett
Ms. Lily Berkeley
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Bosworth
Ms. Phyllis Bromen
Ms. Arlene Briand
Mrs. M. Buttimer
Mr. Dave Cassar
Mr. Robert Cowser
Dr. David J. Dixon
Mr. Ronald Dukes
Mr. Mike Ellis
Dr. Debra E. Felsen
Dr. Thomas Fiksen
Mr. Joshua Fischler
Mr. Raymond Francis
Dr. Maninder S. Gujral
Dr. John Kroghum
Mrs. Marg Akefe
Ms. Lisa K. Lett
Mr. Ted Loux
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lukos
Deacon Frank Lukeff
Mr. James M. McPhillis
Mr. James V. O’Connor
Mr. Alan Okun
Ms. Zulema Peralta
Mrs. Elmoio H. Posner
Dr. Alona Rabin
Mr. Michael R. Ross
Mrs. M. Rowan
Ms. Joan Russman
Mr. Robert D. Sack
Ms. Diane Schmidt
Mr. Leo Schultz
Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz
Mr. D. Venet

Dr. Barry A. Shuman
Dr. James A. Slavin
Ms. Elizabeth D. Smith
Dr. Harold M. Sokol
Mr. Mike Torey
Ms. Arlene Van Amberg
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth W. White
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Wint
Mrs. Susan Wing
Mr. John P. Yarosh
Mr. Ted Zobnowski

In memory of
Ms. Katherine Rose Alonge
Mr. Frank Araspey
Mrs. W.M. Bailey
Mr. Maury Barbash
Mr. Paul K. Baumbach
Mr. John D. Bennett, Sr.
Ms. Genevieve Bimbach
Mr. Robert J. Blakey, Jr.
Mr. William B. Bowes
Mrs. Ellen Brestette
Mrs. Mildred R. Bukley
Mrs. Dana Bushnell
Mrs. Myra V. Byrnes
Mr. Rose Cawley
Mr. W. Francis Cannon
Ms. Diana M. Carmody
Mr. Dominic P. Casari, Jr.
Mrs. Mary W. Chaplin
Ms. Rita K. Chrouszewski
Mrs. Jane B. Christenson
Ms. Elvira Clark
Mr. Bruce P. Cuffin, Sr.
Mr. Rod Connolly
Mrs. Helen Daley
Mr. Dorothy Dally
Mr. Robbyn Dean
Mr. Frank Dugan
Mrs. Lillian Dussey
Mr. E.J. Donovan, Sr.
Mr. James A. Donovan
Mr. Lawrence Dugan
Mrs. Lorena Schulte Dieling
Mr. Juan Edmonson
Ms. Susan Eisenhard

Mr. Warren P. Eldendorf
Mrs. Eleanor Fahey
Fr. Charles F. Fink
Mr. Eugene “Red” Follett
Mr. Joseph Forpus
Mrs. Frances C. Fox
Mr. Walter F. Freidburgh
Mrs. Maryellen Ferreira
Mrs. Anna R. George
Mrs. Molly Gilt
Mrs. Shirley McCoy Givin
Mr. Jim Hopkins
Mrs. Ruth Habeck
Mr. Raymond L. Holmoe, Sr.
Mr. Richard J. Haliday, Jr.
Mr. Simon Hanish
Mrs. Florence Harris
Ms. Nancy A. Heffron
Mrs. Esther S. Hoffman
Mrs. Kay A. Hultber
Mr. Edward Johnson
Mrs. Miriam L. Johnson
Mrs. Pauline Juki
Mr. James H. Kavan
Ms. Nancy M. Kettog
Mrs. Sylvia Kouser
Mrs. Betty C. Kwan
Dr. Adeline Kranheder
Mr. John Kallock
Mrs. Anna Kazatowski
Mrs. Lee Kadrowicz
Ms. Malina Landor
Mrs. Helen R. LeFoe
Mrs. Dorothy H. Leitgeb
Mr. Aaron Levine
Ms. Thomas K. Flanagan
Mr. Joan A. Mahoney
Mr. Frank J. Makur, Sr.
Mrs. Sylvia Marshall
Dr. Alan M. Mays
Mr. Donald W. McCoy, Sr.
Mr. Charles H. McKee, Sr.
Mr. John P. McKay, Sr.
Mrs. Hilda B. Meyer
Mr. Ronald MacKintosh
Mr. Richard Moorland
Mr. Gerald L. Morrow

Mr. Robert H. Muckenhaupt
Mr. Richard L. Neal
Ms. Charlotte M. Neyman
Mrs. Helen L. Nolm Amster
Mr. Frank M. Grinn
Mrs. Ruth Pag
Ms. Clara Patzragnet
Mr. Leo A. Planton
Mrs. Rose P. Powars
Mr. Gregory Pratt
Mrs. Natalie M. Provo
Mrs. Lucille D. Quin
Mrs. Maureen Sanvidge Rabe
Mr. Alton W. Ready, Sr.
Mr. John Richards
Mrs. Helen L. Nydayo
Mrs. Ruth Schultz
Mr. Edward P. Smith
Mrs. Josephine Smith
Mrs. Martha Smith
Mr. Victor Smith
Mrs. Miriam Snyder
Ms. Elizabeth Spoelcy
Ms. Nancy Talbot
Mrs. Blanche Theber
Mrs. Catherine Thorpe
Mr. Ronald Toron
Mr. Francis Urbano
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Mrs. Edith VanBuskirk
Ms. Josephine A. Vitto
Mrs. Kathleen M. Vogel
Mrs. Margaret Ann Walsh
Mr. Adam F. Weaskey
Ms. Susan Macdonald
Mrs. Wanda Whalen
Mr. Tasha Wing
Ms. Lilyan Wunderlich
Ms. Christine M. Yetto-Miller
Mr. Steve Zobnowski

In tribute to
Mr. Stephen V. Lewis, II

One Hundred Black Men of the Albany, New York, Capital Region. He has also served as chairman and vice chairman of the board of the Urban League of Northeastern New York, and president of the board of the Albany Center for Economic Success Inc.

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Northeast Health Foundation's board of directors includes, l to r: Cheryl Bankey, Pam Simmons, Sandra Doring, Seated, l to r: Silvia Edmondes, Tricia Lipinski and Jennifer Bissell.
Giving to Others Put The Music Back Into Her Life

Sarah Tifft’s life had taken some unexpected turns ... turns that led her to seek professional help for depression in the mid-90s. At first, Sarah was reluctant to even admit she needed help, yet she started seeing a therapist who recommended she look into the Turning Point Day Treatment program at Samaritan Hospital.

Sarah was immediately impressed and touched by the responsive, caring attitude of the staff at Turning Point. “They probably saved my life and are what keeps me going today. They are all wonderful,” says Sarah.

Music had always been a part of Sarah’s life ever since the tender age of five when she first started taking piano lessons. Throughout grammar school and high school, Sarah participated in band and chorus. She also attended the Crane School of Music in Potsdam, New York, but later transferred to Russell Sage College where she graduated with a degree in psychology. Her love of music continued throughout her life - she served as organist and choir director at a local church and taught piano for more than 30 years.

Unfortunately, Sarah’s depression kept her away from her music for more than three years. It wasn’t until the staff at Turning Point persuaded her to perform for the patients during the holidays that she was able to once again enjoy her love for music. She now is an organist at a new church and sings with local choral groups.

And, her musical contributions are just the beginning. Thanks to the recommendation of her therapist at Turning Point, Sarah also volunteers at hospice. She likes being able to give something back to the community for all that she has received through Turning Point.

Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center Celebrates Five Years of Service

Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center’s 5th Anniversary Celebration, held on Friday, September 13 at the Armory Center in Albany, was a rousing success. With over 160 in attendance, the event raised $11,852.

The event celebrated five years of service for The Eddy’s regional Alzheimer’s center. The evening featured a dazzling cabaret lineup of entertainers, including the hilarious antics of comedian/impersonator Steve Van Zandt; the sweet sounds of vocalist Judi Merriam; and a comedian/impersonator Steve Van Zandt; the entertainers, including the hilarious antics of evening featured a dazzling cabaret lineup of The Eddy’s regional Alzheimer’s center. The event raised $11,852.

The funds will enable Eddy VNA to establish the Care Team Program for the Elderly over the next three years. The program features an innovative approach to addressing the projected long-term shortage of home health aides in our community by recruiting volunteers from faith congregations to form care teams. Members of each team collaborate to provide non-medical support and services to help enrich the quality of life for a senior adult patient receiving home care.

Eddy VNA already operates a similar program, the Eddy VNA AIDS Care Team Program. Launched in 1995, that program provides non-medical, home-based support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

EVNA Receives Grant for Care Team Program

Eddy Visiting Nurse Association recently received a $30,000 pledge from the Community Foundation for the Capital Region to benefit a new pilot program to help senior patients who receive home care.

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Time is not the only gift that Sarah gives. During the past two years, Sarah has made gifts to Northeast Health Foundation in honor of Turning Point staff members. Sarah has also included a bequest in her will to benefit Turning Point. And, the chapel at Samaritan Hospital is now filled with music thanks to Sarah’s gift of an organ - made in memory of a dear, longtime friend.

Sarah also donated a piano to Community Hospice of Rensselaer County.

The Turning Point Day Treatment program offers diverse opportunities to clients with long-standing psychiatric impairment. The focus of the program is to reduce psychiatric symptoms, enhance individual coping skills, assist in restoring skills, and improve quality of life. The overall goal is to improve the client’s functioning so that he/she can resume a fulfilling and satisfying life.

Mary Curtis, staff member of MDRC, and Assemblyman Ronald Canestrari.“

Richard and Ellen Robison.

▲ Donna and Dr. Anthony Passaretti and Yono Purnomo.

▲ Mrs. Sheryl Duncan, Mrs. Francine Panneton, and Mrs. Lynn Young.

▲ Donald A. McKay, honorary chairman of the 5th Anniversary Celebration.
Northeast Health Foundation Welcomes a New Vice President

We are pleased to welcome Jennifer D’Elia as vice president of the Northeast Health Foundation. “Jenny” has nearly 20 years of experience in development and planned giving. She moved to the Capital Region from the Washington, D.C. area in 1999 when husband, Chris, accepted a position at the University at Albany. Shortly after, Jenny found a home at the Albany Institute of History & Art, working first as deputy director for development and finance, and later as development consultant. Prior to that, Jenny worked with a number of large organizations, including the Paralyzed Veterans of America in Washington, D.C., following her first development job at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, Maryland.

Having moved here from our nation’s capital city, Jenny says she found Albany much smaller than she had imagined our capital city to be. And while the smaller locale has been a bit of an adjustment for her, she says she has been happy to leave behind the traffic and the hassles of the hour-long commute she was used to in D.C.

Born in a small rural town in Southern Georgia, Jenny grew up with a farming background. As a result, she says she loves to gardens. “It’s in my genes, I like to dig in the dirt,” she laughs.

She also enjoys walks in the woods with her black Labrador, Betenoir, which she noted means black beast in French.

In her spare time, Jenny also enjoys other outdoor activities. She says she loves the mountains and finds the Hudson River “spectacular.” She also appreciates the many cultural and theatrical venues in our area. She and Chris frequent the Capital Repertory Theater, Troy Music Hall and Proctor’s, in addition to their many cultural and theatrical venues in our area.

Jenny admits the smaller population in our area can make fundraising more challenging, but still, Jenny enjoys that challenge, declaring that “when you believe in something strongly and when you’re passionate about it, you can succeed, one way or another.”

“I’m an eternal optimist,” explains Jenny of her belief in the power of conviction. “I always believe that the best of people will come out, and that if we all pull together, we can do things that we never dreamed of.”

**Recent Gifts and Grants**

Albany Associates in Cardiology, PC $10,000 - Albany Memorial Heart Program

Arkell Hall Foundation Inc. $5,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

The Leona Bellhop Trust $27,400 - Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing Bellhop Grant

Cohoes Savings Foundation, Inc. $5,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Community AIDS Partnership of the Capital Region $5,860 - Eddy AIDS Care Team

Community Care Physicians, PC $100,000 - Samaritan Hospital Radiology Imaging Center Renovations

Community Foundation for the Capital Region $30,000 - Eddy Visiting Nurse Association Care Team Program

Jo Ann A. Costantino $15,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Gary C. Daake $25,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

The Golub Foundation $5,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Howard & Bubb Foundation $25,000 - Eddy Visiting Nurse Association Care Team Program

Margaret W. Krause $25,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

John M. Lang $5,000 - Northeast Health Annual Fund

Langlofth Foundation $73,621 - Eddy Visiting Nurse Association Langeloth Medication Management

The Lewis Foundation $390,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Frederick McDonald Trust $5,000 - Albany Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Loan Forgiveness Program

Donald A. McKay $11,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Richard A. Petterson $15,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Pioneer Savings Bank $25,000 - Eddy Alzheimer’s Services Capital Campaign, “Restoring Hope...Enhancing Dignity”

Robison Family Foundation $5,000 - Samaritan Hospital Annual Fund

Morton and Susan Slavin $10,000 - Samaritan Hospital Maternal/Fetal Monitor Equipment Fund

United Way of Northeastern New York, Inc. $44,000 - Samaritan Hospital Crime Victims Assistance Program

Julia O. Wells Memorial Education Foundation $67,000 - Albany Memorial Hospital School of Nursing

**Planned Gifts and Bequests**

Robert B & Marta Anderson $25,000 - Samaritan Hospital Imaging Center Gift Annuity

Estate of Arlene E. Girdner $74,965 - Beverwyck Lifefund

Estate of Marjorie Doyle Rockwell $345,355 - Eddy Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center

Richard Rockwell Endowment Scholarship

Estate of Gilbert M. Tucker and Mildred Stewart Tucker $116,721 - Albany Memorial Hospital Annual Fund

Harry D. Yates Charitable Remainder Unitrust $7,500 - Albany Memorial Hospital Annual Fund